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MORTAL KOMBAT

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CALL HIM
LIU KANG.

ONCE A MEMBER OF
THE SUPER SECRET
WHITE LOTUS SOCIETY,
HE RETURNED TO THE
TEMPLES OF THE ORDER
OF LIGHT TO SEEK THE
HIGHEST LEVELS OF
INNER STRENGTH.

WHETHER OR NOT
HE HAS ATTAINED
IT REMAINS TO
BE SEEN.

HAHAHAH!!!

TODAY HE HAS
JOINED A GROUP
OF THE WORLD'S
GREATEST
WARRIORS ON
THIS ISLAND
HIDEAWAY, AND
WILL DO BATTLE
IN SHANG TSUNG'S
ELITE CONTEST.

IT IS A TOURNAMENT
LIU KANG MEANS TO
WIN.

THIS IS...

MORTAL KOMBAT

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TEST YOUR MIGHT

THE PRIESTS OF THE ORDER OF LIGHT HAVE PINNED THEIR HOPES OF REGAINING THE TITLE ON ANOTHER FIGHTER.

YAAAAHHH!!

BUT THAT ONLY MAKES LIUKANG TRY THAT MUCH HARDER.

NOT BAD, MY FRIEND.

I DID THAT ONCE IN ONE OF MY MOVIES.

THIS IS NOT MAKE BELIEVE, JOHNNY CAGE.

YOU ARE SO CORRECT, WORM.


YOU HAVE COME HERE SEEKING HONOR AND GLORY.

BUT THE ONLY THING YOU SHALL FIND IN THIS PLACE IS PAIN.




PAIN
AT THE
HANDS
OF
GORO.

KEEEEESSHH




WE'RE
NOT AFRAID
OF YOU, KING
GORG.



MASTER
GORO, YOUR
PRESENCE IS
REQUIRED AT
THE ARENA.

THE
TOURNAMENT
HAS BEGUN.

HOLD YOUR
TEMPER IN CHECK,
JOHNNY.



CONSIDER
YOURSELF
LUCKY
WORM.

YOU
ARE SAFE
FROM GORO'S
WRATH...

...FOR
NOW.

AFTER A NIGHT OF
REST AND A DAY
OF PRACTICE...

...THE GRAND
CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT
FINALLY BEGINS

LISTEN
LANCE,
THIS IS
CRAZY.

YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO GO THROUGH
WITH IT.

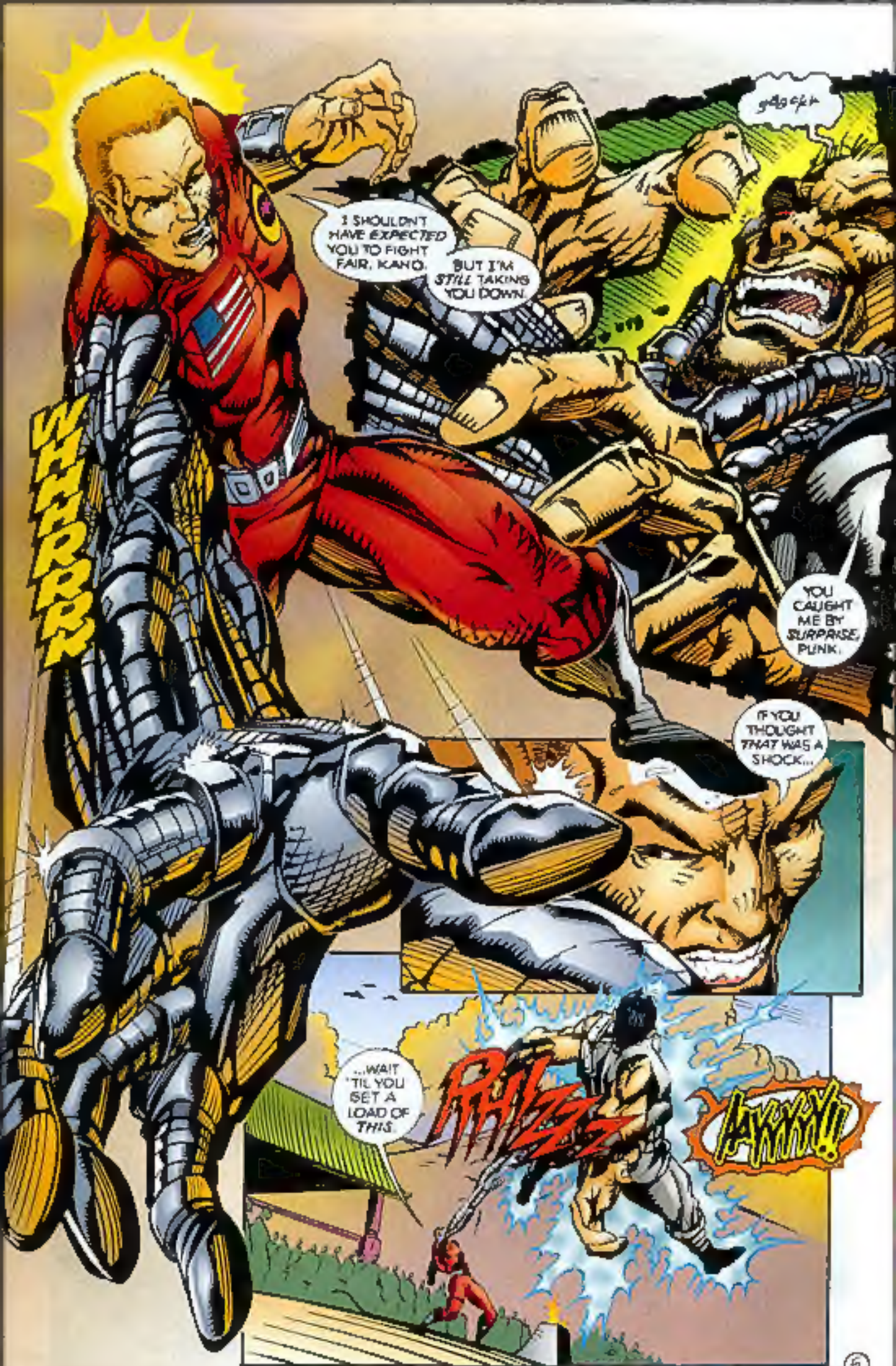
I'M
DOING IT,
SONYA.

WE'VE
BEEN
WAITING
KAYO
FOR A
LONG
TIME...

"...AND NOW I'VE
GOT HIM!"

ON MY WORD,
CONTESTANTS...
BEGIN--

YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE FOLLOWED
ME HERE,
CHUMP.





GET UP,
KANO. I'M
NOT THROUGH
WITH YOU
YET

AFTER I
TAKE YOU
OUT, WE'RE
GOING AFTER
THE REST OF
THE BLACK
DRAGON

THAT'S
THE TROUBLE
WITH YOU SPECIAL
FORCES GUYS...

...YOU'RE
ALL TALK



ALL
TALK
AND ALL
HEART

UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU KANO
DOESN'T HAVE A
HEART

NO,
I'M
WEAK

I'M
STRONG
OY



I'VE NEVER LIKED YOU, KANO, BUT NOW IT'S GONE FARTHER THAN THAT.

NOW I CONSIDER YOU MY WORST ENEMY.

...W
2000PP...

NOOOO!!!

I'VE BEEN IN THE U.S. SPECIAL FORCES MANY YEARS, KANO.

I'VE BUILT UP QUITE A LONG LIST OF ENEMIES.

MY GUESS IS THAT NONE OF THEM ENVY YOUR POSITION AT THE TOP OF THAT LIST.

UNYTHH

THA
PUNK

WAY TO GO, SONYA BLADE.

LOOK! SHANG TSUNG'S GUARDS APPROACH.

GET BACK!

DO NOT FORCE US TO HURT YOU.



IF YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
THREATEN
ME...

...THEN
YOU CAN
JUST ASS'S
YOUR BUTTS
GOOD-BYE.



YAAHHH



Heh heh,
YOU ARE
A FEISTY
ONE,
FEMALE.

IT
WOULD
BE A
SHAME
FOR ME TO
HAVE TO
BREAK
YOUR
NECK.

comprhh

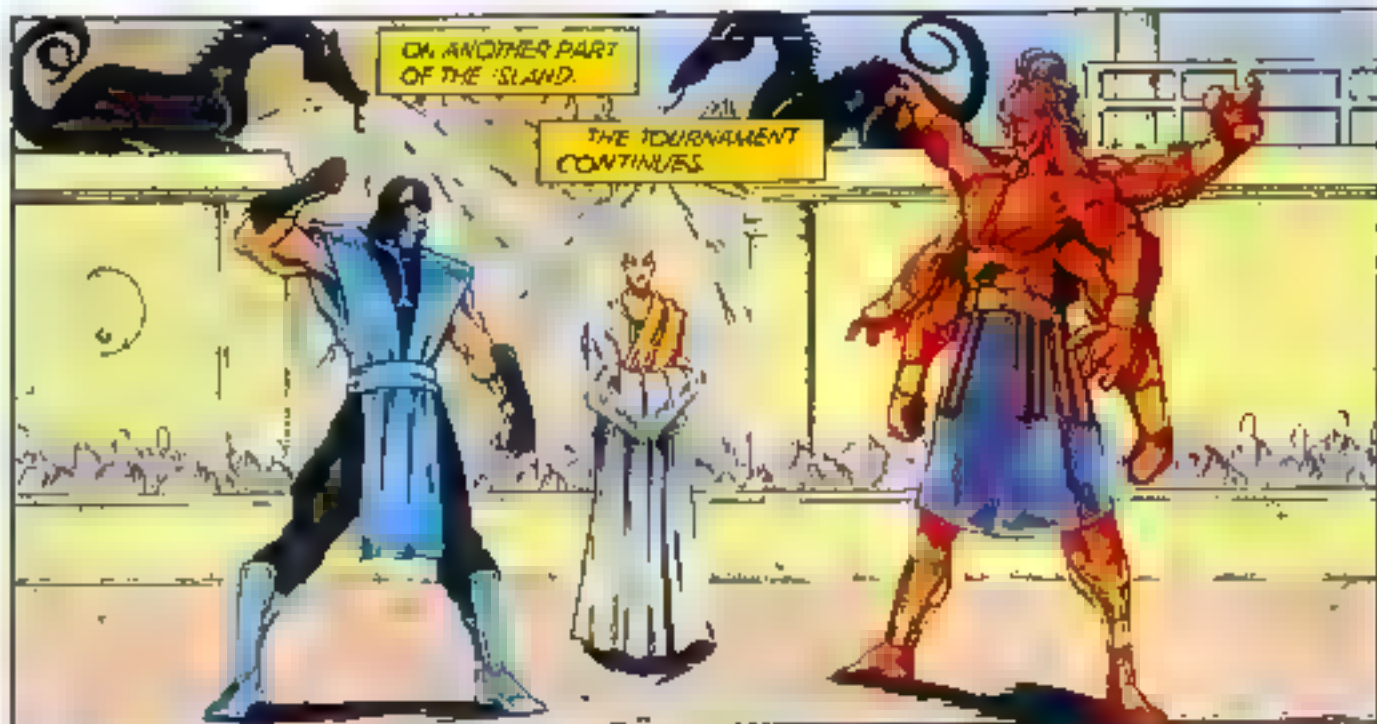


COME-
WHILE
THEY
ATTEND
TO WHAT
REMAINS
OF THE
WARRIOR
YOU
BESTED.

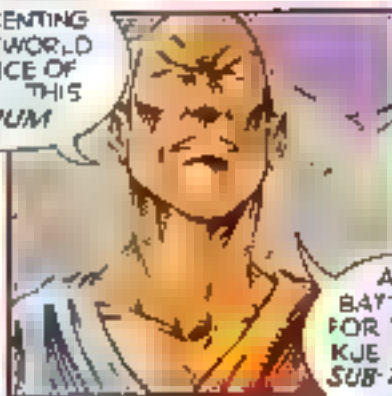
I WILL SHOW
YOU TO WHERE
WE HOUSE
UNCOOPERATIVE
GUESTS.

ON ANOTHER PART
OF THE ISLAND.

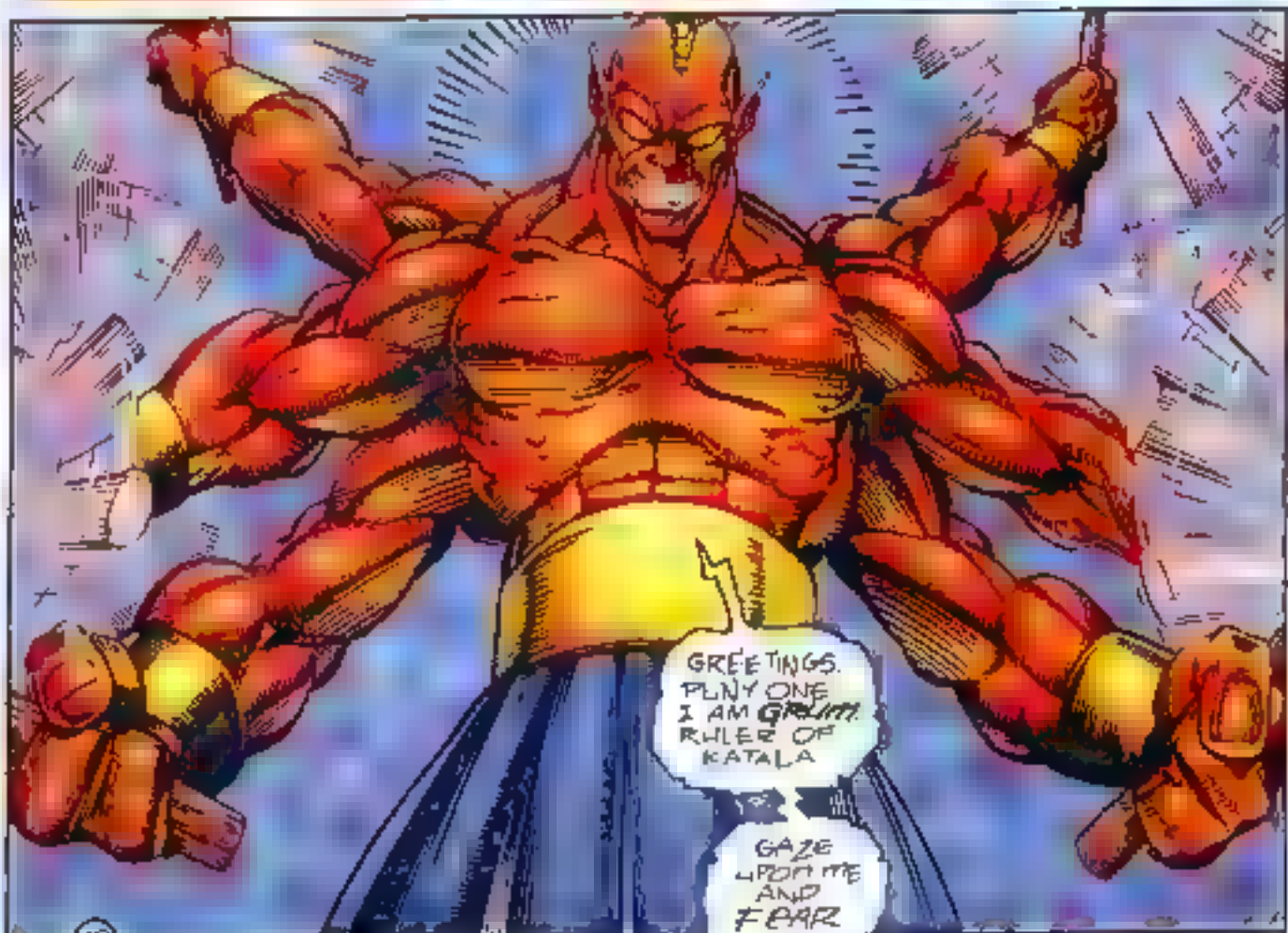
THE TOURNAMENT
CONTINUES



REPRESENTING
THE OUTWORLD
PROVINCE OF
KATALA THIS
IS GRUM



AND
BATTLING
FOR THE UN
KUE CLAN
SUB-ZERO



GREETINGS.
PLNY ONE
I AM GRUM.
RULER OF
KATALA

GAZE
UPON ME
AND
FEAR



YOU MAY
SAVE YOUR
HOLLOW
THREATS.

FOR
WHOMEVER
GREET'S YOU
IN YOUR
AFTER-LIFE

OH NO!
THIS SHALL
BE...
UP

I HAVE
LOOKED
INTO THE
EYES OF
DEMONS.
BEAST

I HAVE
SEEN
NIGHT-
MARES
COME TO
LIFE IN
HUMAN
FORM

THERE
ARE THINGS
IN THIS WORLD
THAT MAKE EVEN
LIN KUE KNOW
FEAR

BUT
YOU ARE
NOT ONE
OF THEM



A SHORT TIME LATER

LOOK,
I WANT TO
KNOW WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE

I
DEMAND
TO SPEAK
TO SHANG
TSUNG

IS IT NOT
OBVIOUS,
WOMAN?

THERE IS
NO END TO
TSUNG'S
TREACHERY

IT IS
FEAR
THAT HAS
CAUSED
THEM TO
RESORT
TO SUCH
MEASURES

FEAR
OF THE
ORDER OF
LIGHT'S
GREATEST
FIGHTING
MONKS,
SING AND
SANG

OR AS
WE ARE
CALLED

WHEN
WE JOIN
TOGETHER

STANG

FOR NOW, AT LEAST THE CHAINS HOLD
AND SHANG - LIKE THE OTHERS DOWN
HERE - REMAINS A PRISONER

IN SHANG TSUNG'S
PRIVATE QUARTERS.

IT IS A
POWERFUL
SPELL THAT
THE ORDER
OF LIGHT
WOVE TO
PROTECT
THE TAO
TÉ ZHAN.

BUT I
SHALL FIND
A WAY TO
UNDO IT



Ahhh.
MY OLD AND
WORTHY
ADVERSARY.

I WAS
EXPECTING YOU
TO MAKE AN APPEAR-
ANCE BEFORE MUCH
LONGER.



MORTAL
KOMBAT WOULD
NOT BE COMPLETE
WITHOUT THE GOD
OF THUNDER

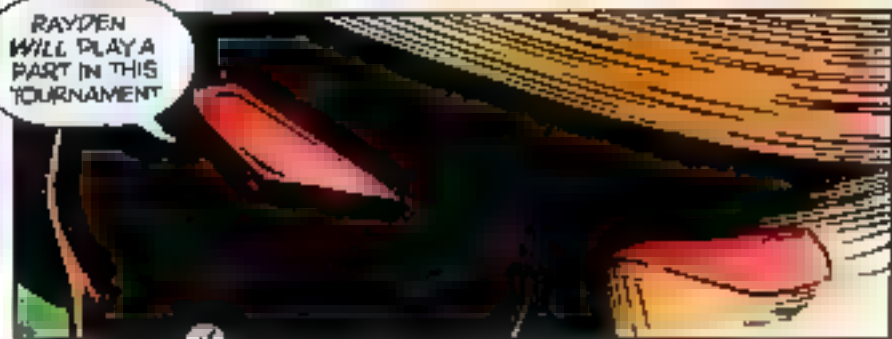


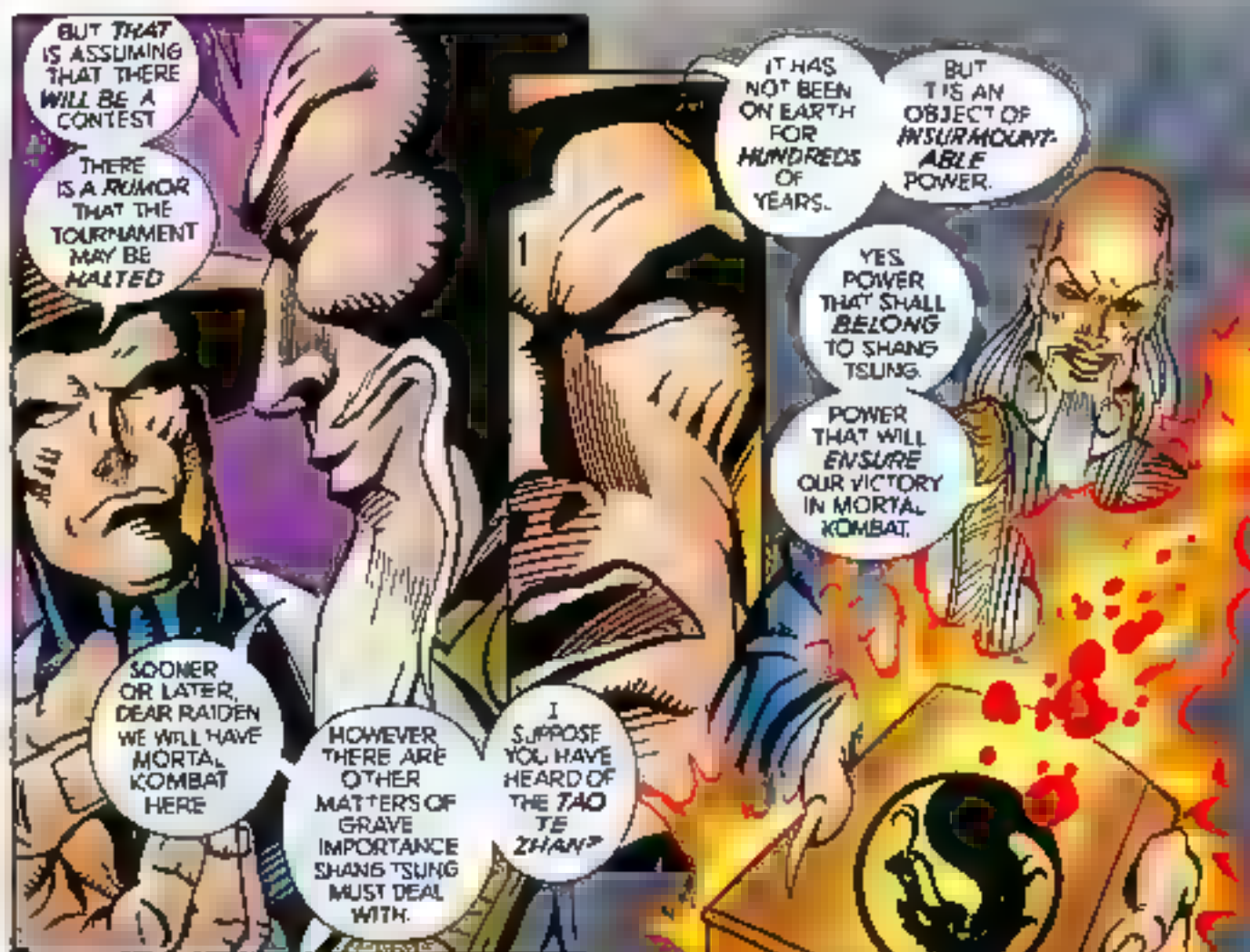
IS
THAT NOT
SO, STORM
WARRIOR?

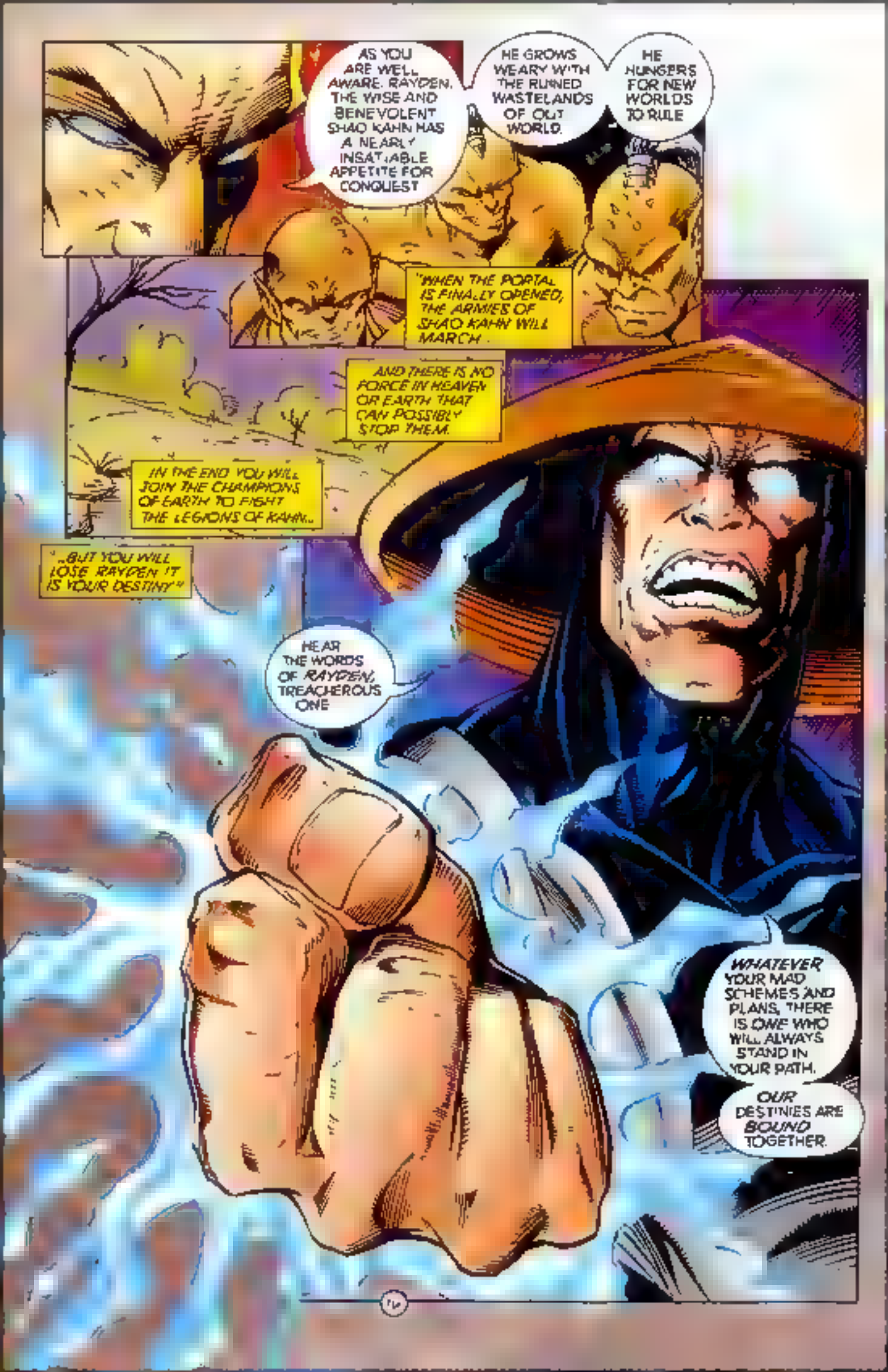
YOU
KNOW THAT
I AM NOT
ALLOWED
TO PARTICIPATE,
SHANG
TSUNG

BUT ONE
THING IS FOR
CERTAIN.

RAYDEN
WILL PLAY A
PART IN THIS
TOURNAMENT







AS YOU
ARE WELL
AWARE, RAYDEN,
THE WISE AND
BENEVOLENT
SHAO KAHN HAS
A NEARLY
INSATIABLE
APPETITE FOR
CONQUEST

HE GROWS
WEARY WITH
THE RUINED
WASTELANDS
OF OUR
WORLD.

HE
HUNGERS
FOR NEW
WORLDS
TO RULE

"WHEN THE PORTAL
IS FINALLY OPENED,
THE ARMIES OF
SHAO KAHN WILL
MARCH.

AND THERE IS NO
FORCE IN HEAVEN
OR EARTH THAT
CAN POSSIBLY
STOP THEM.

IN THE END YOU WILL
JOIN THE CHAMPIONS
OF EARTH TO FIGHT
THE LEGIONS OF KAHN...

"...BUT YOU WILL
LOSE RAYDEN IT
IS YOUR DESTINY"

HEAR
THE WORDS
OF RAYDEN,
TREACHEROUS
ONE

WHATEVER
YOUR MAD
SCHEMES AND
PLANS, THERE
IS ONE WHO
WILL ALWAYS
STAND IN
YOUR PATH.

OUR
DESTINIES ARE
BOUND
TOGETHER.

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER
PART OF SHANG TSUNG'S
PALACE...

THEY TOOK
SING AND SANG
THIS WAY
I'M SURE
OF IT

I
BELIEVE
THERE
MAY BE
TREACHERY
AT WORK

I
SHOULD
TAKE YOU
BACK TO
HOLLY-
WOOD
WITH ME.
LIL KANG

YOU'RE
STARTING
TO SOUND
LIKE...HEY,
WHO'S
THAT?

FOOLS.
I AM SEARCHING
FOR MY
COMPANION.

AND
ANYONE
WHO DETAINS ME
MUST DEAL
WITH.

HYDRO!

gaaaau.kkk

FWOOSH

HEY, BUDDY.
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOUR BIG
PROBLEM IS

BUT NOW...
NOW YOUR BIG
PROBLEM IS
JOHNNY
CASE

**FAP
FAP
FAP
FAP**



STOP!
ALL OF YOU!
STOP IN THE
NAME OF SHANG
TSUNG!

OH OH.
LOOKS LIKE
SOMEBODY
CALLED THE
COPS.

PERHAPS
NOW WE'LL
GET SOME
ANSWERS
CONCERNING
OUR MISSING
COMPANIONS.

BOK. WERE IT NOT
FOR YOUR INTER-
FERENCE, I WOULD
HAVE ESCAPED

HOW
ABOUT IT,
LIU KANG?
WE CAN
PROBABLY
TAKE THESE
JOKERS

WE
COULD,
MY FRIEND,
BUT I SAY
WE SHOULD
NOT

AFTER
ALL WE ARE
THE GUESTS
OF SHANG
TSUNG.

EVEN
THOUGH
WE ARE NOT
BEING
TREATED AS
SUCH.

HEARBY, KANO
HAS REGAINED
CONSCIOUSNESS

HEARD RUMORS
THAT TSUNG'S PALACE
WAS FILLED WITH
RARE TREASURES

I'M SURE
NOBODY
WOULD
MIND IF I
LIFTED
A FEW.

BETTER
PLAY IT
COOL. I
HEAR A
VOICE
JUST
AHEAD

FINALLY,
I'VE
MANAGED TO
OPEN THE
TAO TE
ZHAN.

NOW
ALL THAT
STANDS
BETWEEN ME
AND THE MOST
AWESOME
POWER
IMAGINABLE...

IS
SEVEN
ANSWERS
TO SEVEN
RIDDLES.

I MUST
FIND GORO
THE
TOURNAMENT
MUST BE
TEMPORARILY
HALTED.

SO
THAT I
MAY
CONCENTRATE
ON MORE
IMPORTANT
MATTERS.

HMM...
IF ANYONE
IS GOING TO
BECOME THE
MOST POWER-
FUL WARRIOR
ON EARTH

KRUNK!

... IT SHOULD
DEFINITELY
BE KANO

THAT
WAS
ALMOST
TOO
EASY

NOW I
JUST NEED
TO FIND A
SAFE PLACE
TO EXAMINE
MY PRIZE

SOMEWHERE
AWAY
FROM
TSUNO'S
PEEKY
GUARDS

MAYBE
I'LL HIDE OUT
DOWN HERE WITH
ALL THE
MACHINERY

MUST BE SOME
BIG GENERATOR
TO MAKE SO MUCH
NOISE



Uh
oh

RUMMUM

YAH!



WHO
DISTURBS
THE REST OF
GORO?

I WAS
HAVING
THE MOST
DELIGHTFUL
DREAM...

...THAT
I WAS
SNAPPING
SOME POOR
FOOL'S
SPINE.

IT WAS
ONLY A
DREAM,
MONSTER.



RYE, BUT
SOMETIMES
DREAMS CAN
COME TRUE.



FORTUNATELY
FOR YOU, WORM,
GORO'S SHARP
EARS HEAR HIS
MASTER'S VOICE
CALLING



BOOM

YAAARGGH



I'LL HAVE
TO STRING
YOU UP AND
FINISH MY
BUSINESS
WITH YOU
LATER.

A SHORT TIME LATER...

GORO!
I HAVE
SEARCHED
EVERY-
WHERE
FOR YOU!

I HAD
BUSINESS
ELSEWHERE,
MASTER.

WHAT
IS IT
YOU
HAVE
THERE?



I HAVE
FINALLY
OPENED THE
TAO TE ZHAN.
GORO.

I LEFT
IT IN THIS
BOX, AND
NOW IT HAS
BEEN SPIRITED
AWAY.

WHO-
EVER DID
THIS DEED
SHALL BE
GRAVELY
PUNISHED.

I WANT
THAT
BOOK
BACK,
GORO.

BY
WHAT-
EVER
MEANS
NECESSARY.

CONSIDER
IT ALREADY
BACK IN YOUR
HANDS, MASTER
TSUNG.

GORO
SHALL
NOT FAIL
YOU.



I'D SAY
WE HAVE
A MOST
INHOSPITABLE
HOST.



HE IS
AFRAID
OF US--
THERE
CAN BE
NO OTHER
ANSWER.



YOU ARE
CORRECT,
MY BROTHER.
BUT WE SHALL
YET PREVAIL.



MAYBE
IF WE
WORK
TOGETHER
WE CAN...



IGRO DANF
KEEP IT DOWN,
BUD. I'M TRYING
TO REST.



CAN YOU
FEEL IT?
SOMETHING'S
HAPPENING.



WHAT
IS IT,
SUB-
ZERO?



WHAT
IS IT?



HE IS
HERE!



YOU ARE
ALL AT MY
MERCY.

AND
BELIEVE
ME...

SCORPION
HAS NO MERCY.

NEXT
ISSUE!

THE ART OF WAR